(e) The MDA will be available on a regular basis, only if the Societies have elected representatives

Cotton Hcam

333. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH.
SHRI S. VIDUTHALA1 VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES bo pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article appealing in the Sunday Magazine dated 5—11 February, 1995 under t'".e caption 'Cotton Scam'; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon"

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILE (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government had laid down stock limits for holding of cotton by various users. The dtock limit notification does not cover cotton growers. This is reviewed from time to time. The Textile Com. missioner has carried out extensive checking throughout the country during this season

Representations for suspension or yam exports

334. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether representatives have been received by Government, urging suspension of yarn exports to bring down the prices of yarn to help hand-loom weavers; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the demand of the handloom weavers to restrict exports of cotton yarn from India, the Govt- has taken a decision to reduce the ceiling for cotton yarn exports for the year 1995. Against a final ceiling of 130 million Kgs., for all counts, released during 1994, the ceil ing for l995 has been reduced to 75 million kgs. The reduced ceiling of 75 million kgs. would, however, w applicable' only for exports of cotton yam in count group 1—40s. It h?.s further been, decided that out of the ceiling of 75 million kgs., a quantity of 23 million kgs. shall be set apari for experts to quota countries and the balance celling of 52 million kgs; shall be distributed bi-annually in two instalments of 26 million kgs. each. The above measures have been taken to improve availability of col-ton yam, particularly in the coarse counts which are largely used by the handloom sector

Pomrtoom Service Centres in Madhyn Pradesh

335. SHRI DILIP SINGH JLTDEV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES bo pleased to state:

(a; the places in Madhya Pradesh particularly in the tribal arca where Powerlom Service Centres have been set-up during the last three years:

(b) the places where these centres are proposed to be set up during 1004-95 and 1995-96: and

(e) the financial assistance likely to be provided by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No Powerloom Service Centres has been set uP in Madhya Pradesh dnr jtig the last three years.

(b) and (c) The locations of Power-loom Service Centres are decided on receipt of suggestions from State Govts., and on the basis of areas of power loom concentration. For opening a new Powerloom Service Centre, a one-time capital grant of Rs 3 lakhs and a recurring grant of Rs. 4.50 lakhs are given by the Central Gov-ernment.